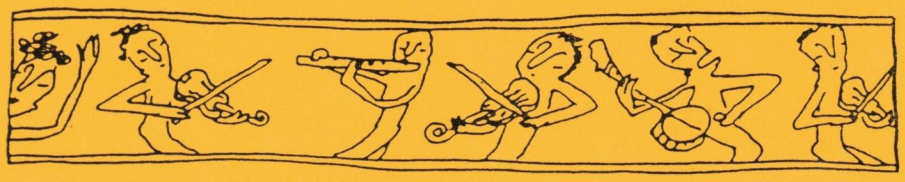


Dear Slow Jammers,

Major changes are ahead for the Slow Jam this fall... two meetings a month and two new locations.

We are forced to leave the Old Cambridge Baptist Church because of changes taking place there, specifically, the taking over by a ballet school of the space used in past years by the Contra Dance group.

During the search for a new location, it was suggested that perhaps we could meet twice a month, once with a leader -- to learn a new tune or two by ear -- as in the past and once without a leader to provide an opportunity to play together the tunes we have been learning.

Starting in September, we will meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the First Baptist Church in Central Square, Cambridge, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. -- with a leader. We will be paying $10 an hour for the church rental and will want to pay the evening's leader a minimum of $40... so, as in the past, a donation towards those costs will be appreciated.

And starting in October, we will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Park Avenue Congregational Church in Arlington from 6 to 7:30 p.m. -- prior to the Contra Dance, without a leader.

So... a lot of changes, but we are starting off with two exciting leaders... and we'll be keeping our ties with Cammy Kaynor's Contra Dance as well. We're looking forward to a better than ever Slow Jam and hope to see you on either or both nights.

Here is the schedule through November:

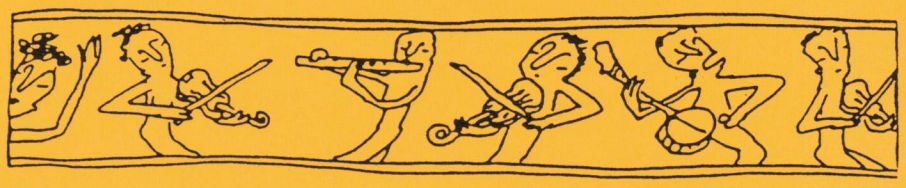
Sep. 5 -- No Slow Jam or Contra Dance
Sep. 19 -- 6:30 p.m., Central Square
Leader: New England fiddler Lissa Schnekenberger.
Oct. 3 -- 6 p.m., Arlington; no leader.
Oct. 17 -- 6:30 p.m., Central Square
Leader: Celtic fiddler Hanneke Cassel.
Nov. 7 -- Election Day, no Slow Jam or Contra Dance.
Nov. 21 -- 6:30 p.m., Central Square; leader to be announced.

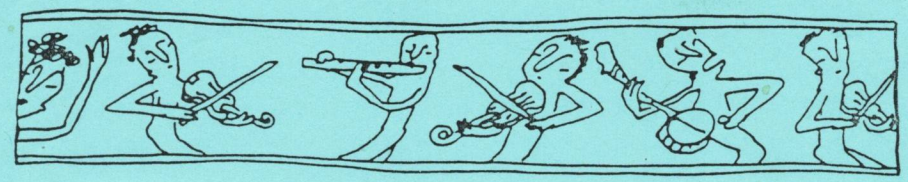
The new locations:

Central Square: First Baptist Church is at 5 Magazine St. We will meet in the church sanctuary. It is one block from the Central Square Red Line station with parking nearby at the municipal garage at Green and Pearl streets and the municipal lots at Green and Pleasant streets.

Arlington: Park Avenue Congregation Church is at 50 Paul Revere Rd., one block south of Massachusetts Avenue.

Please call if we can give you further information:
Nica Faulkner 617-522-5887 or Michael Kenney 617-492-7323.
(For the Contra Dance: Chris Reynolds 781-894-1488)





Truly millenial Slowjams for the Millenium!

Learn new tunes from leaders who play in a variety of traditions and teach -- by ear -- at the perfect tempo...slow.

Tuesday January 4 -- Jim Guinness leading New England tunes from the clarinet...

Tuesday February 1 -- Laura Cortese leading an Irish tune with a jazz fiddle...

Tuesday March 7 -- Lissa Schnekenberger pulling a tune from a full bag of tricks: Irish, Scottish or New England...

Tuesday April 4 -- Debbie Knight of Roaring Jelly, the community contradance band, with New England and Quebecois tunes...

Tuesday May 2 -- Vince O'Donnell with Scottish, New England and English tunes for a right-proper celebration of May...

Tuesday June 6 -- Barbara McOwen with a Scottish tune from her New Hampshire Strathspey and Reel Society tunebook...

JULY FOURTH -- CELEBRATE WITHOUT US!

Tuesday August 1 -- Nancy Kalinski coming down from New Hampshire with a Swedish fiddle tune...

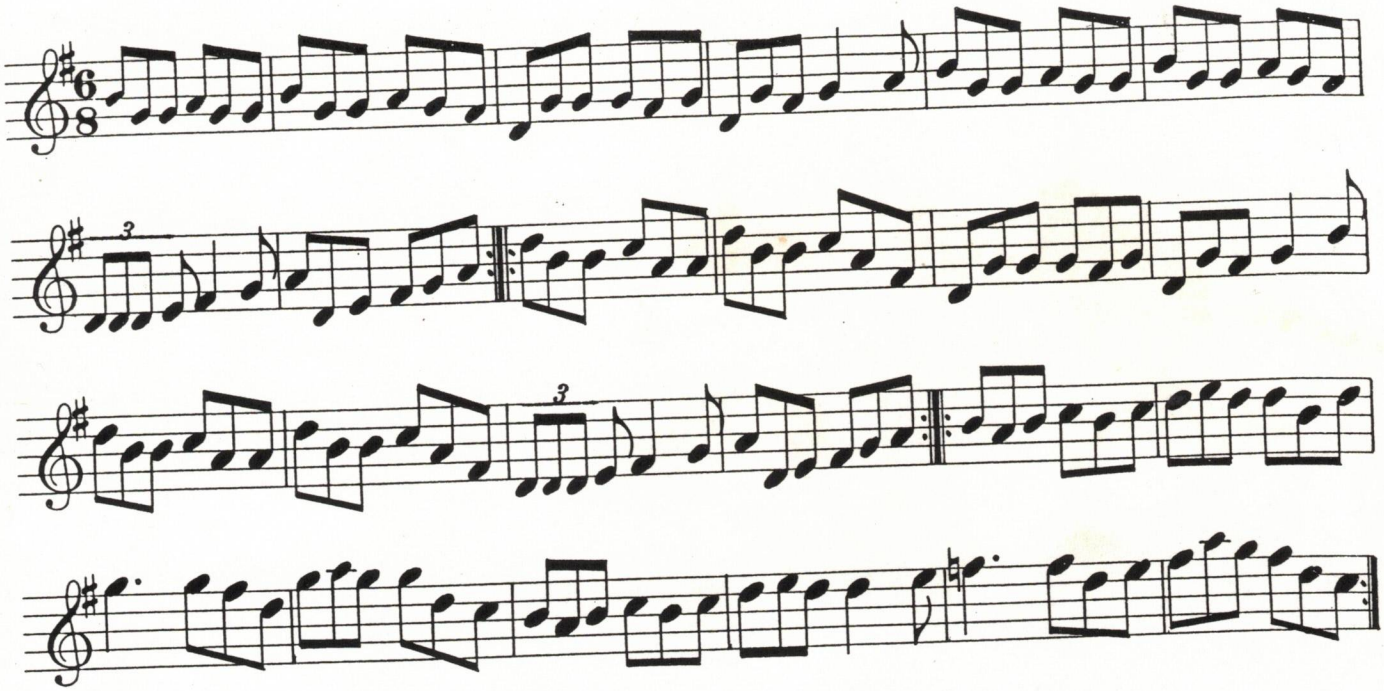
Tuesday, September 5 -- Watch for the fall schedule...

* 6 to 7:30 pm prior to Cammy Kaynor's Contradance sessions

* At the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge (short walk from Harvard Square T, parking available)

* Donation appreciated for the session's leader and hall rental

For more information: Nica Faulkner 617-522-5887



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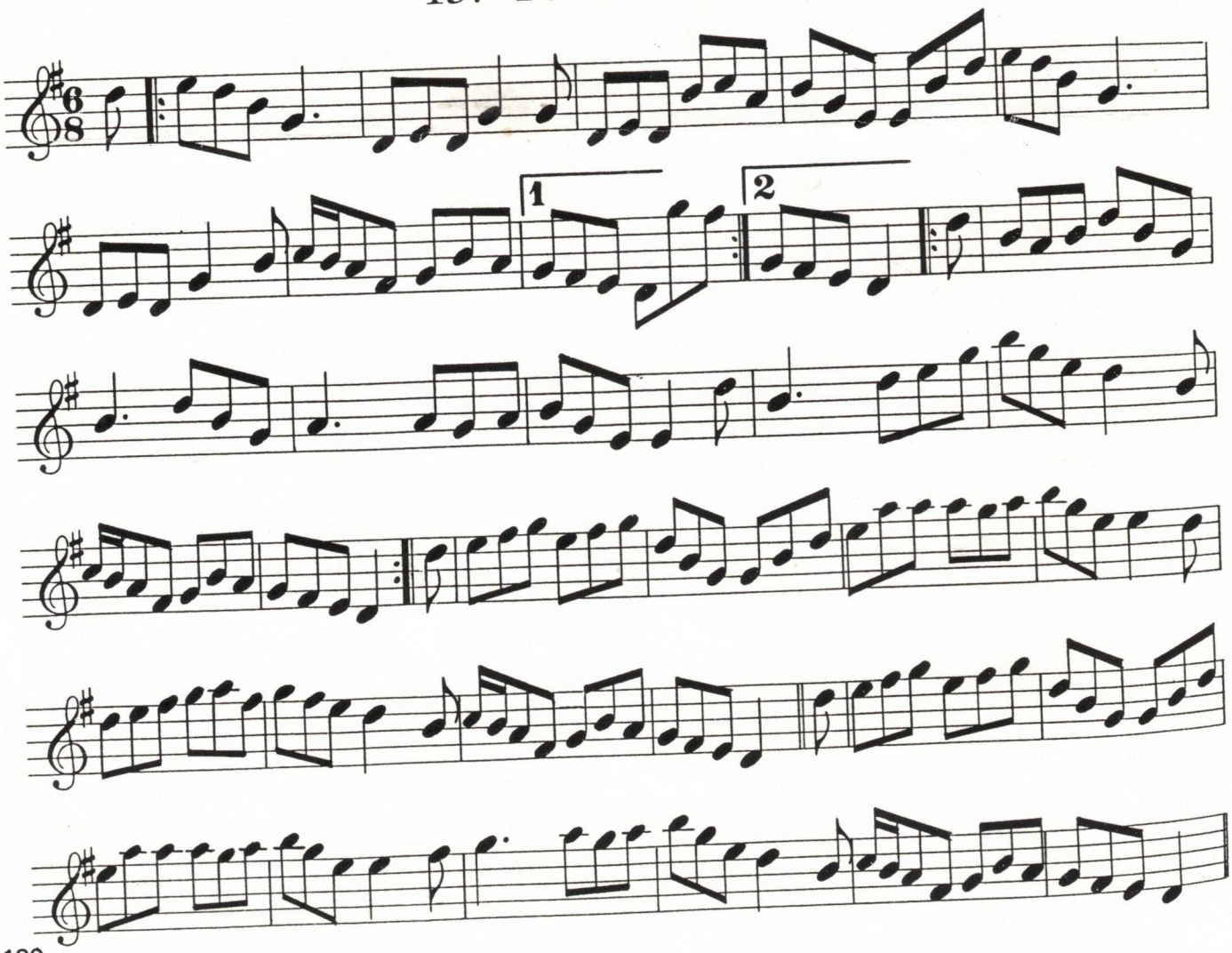

# FOLK DANCING 'ROUND BOSTON

## JULY/AUGUST 2009

For information on dances throughout New England (further from Boston), call CDS/NEFFA, 781/662-6710.

*NOTE: This calendar tries for accuracy, but cannot promise—things change, and mistakes do happen. Call for confirmation if you are uncertain.*
**** marks a dance especially recommended for beginners; ✣ flags a special event or a location/date change for a regular event***
*Deadline for information for the September/October issue:* ***August 1, 12 noon.***

## Special Events

*Saturday, July 18* – **PINEWOODS REVIEW** – Payson Park Church, 365 Belmont St., Belmont, 5-7 pm. Come review dances taught by Yves Moreau and Roberto Bagnoli at last month's International Dance and Music week at Pinewoods Camp. $8/$6 FAC members/$5 students. Followed by the monthly FAC party, 8-11. Bring a box supper and do both! Info: Folk Arts Center, 781/662-7475.

*Sunday, July 19* – *** POLISH FAMILY FOLK DANCE PARTY** – St. John's Methodist Church, 80 Mt Auburn St., Watertown, 2–5pm. Families with school-aged children especially welcome for this afternoon event! We'll be teaching dances that are child friendly, but also suitable for adults. Punch, chips and dip provided, donations to refreshment table welcome. $10/ Students $5/Family maximum $25. Info: contact@krakowiak.org

*Saturday, Aug. 8–Saturday, Aug. 15* – **BOSTON HARBOR SCOTTISH FIDDLE SCHOOL** – Thompson Island, Boston Harbor. Currently filled, with a waiting list. Info: FAC, 781/662-7475.

*Tuesday, Aug. 11* – **BOSTON HARBOR SCOTTISH FIDDLE SCHOOL "Visitors' Day"** – Thompson Island, Boston Harbor. Ferry leaves Thompson Island dock (S. Boston near the Design Center, parking garage nearby) at 2:30, returns at 9:25. Concert, Dinner, and Scottish Fiddle Session. $40/$35 FAC Members. Advance registration *required*. Info: Folk Arts Center, 781/662-7475.

## Regularly Scheduled Events

**MONDAY**

*** BULGARIAN/BALKAN DANCING** – Green St. Dance Studios, 185 Green St., Cambridge (Central Sq), 7:30-9 pm. $15, or $50/4 classes. Info: 617/840-2362.

*** ISRAELI FOLK DANCING** – Temple Kehillath Israel, 384 Harvard Ave., Brookline, 8-12 pm, easier dances & instruction 8-9. $5/students $3. Info: 617/576-5554.

*** NEW ENGLAND CONTRAS & SQUARES** – Scout House, 74 Walden St., Concord, 7:30-10:30. Various callers and musicians. $8/teens & students $5. Bring clean shoes, pls! Info: 781/272-0396 or 978/369-1232.

*** SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE** – Springstep, 98 George P. Hassett Dr., Medford, 7:45-10:15. Instr. till 9, social dancing 9:15 on. *NO DANCE July 6 or 13.* Live music. $8/students $4. Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, info. 781/862-1950.

**1st M**

*** GREEK FOLK DANCING** – Hellenic Cultural Center, 25 Bigelow Ave., Watertown, 7-9. *July 6 or 13?? Call!* Dances taught at all levels of skill. Donation $10. Info: 617/491-5463.

**TUES**

*** FOLK DANCING BY THE FOUNTAIN** – Outdoors at Copley Square, by Clarendon and Boylston Sts., Boston, 7:30 pm. Weather permitting—cancellations decided by 5:00; decision recorded on the FolkFone, 781/662-7476. FREE. Info: Folk Arts Center, 781/662-7475.

**us. 2nd & 4th TUES**

*** CONTRA DANCE for ALL at MIT** – Student Center, 84 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 8-10:30. *(7/14 rm 491, 7/28 Lobdell, 8/11 rm 491, NO DANCE 8/25).* Great live music every week, many visiting callers (617/354-0864 to call or play). $6 don./MIT & Wellesley students free. MIT Folk Dance Club & Music-for-Robin, info. 617/354-0864.

*** Gender-Free ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING** – 1st Church of Jamaica Plain, Centre & Eliot Sts., Jamaica Plain, 7:30–10. 5 Tues. experienced. *NO DANCES in August.* Beginners welcome, all dances taught. Brown bag supper, 7:00. $7. Info: 617/522-2216 or 617/512-5554.

**WED**

*** ENGLISH DANCE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – First Unitarian Society of Newton, 1326 Washington St, W. Newton, 7:30-10:30. *NO DANCE July 1 or Aug. 26.* Basic instruction at 7:10. $9/CDS members $7/students and first timers $4. CDS-Boston, 781/662-6710 or 617/721-0600.

*** ISRAELI DANCE** – MIT Student Ctr., 84 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Rm. 407 or 491, 8-11:30. *8/12 Lobby 13, 8/19 & 26 location TBA.* $1 don. suggested/MIT students free. MIT Folk Dance Club: 617/253-FOLK.

**4th W**

**WEDNESDAY MUSIC JAM SESSIONS** – Peacuddy's Café and Bakery, 506 Franklin St., Melrose, 7:30-9:30. Open jams in international dance music. Free. Info: FAC, 781/662-7475.

**THURSDAY**

**EXPERIENCED INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** – 1st Parish of Watertown Church, 35 Church St., Watertown Sq., 8–10:45. Instruction & requests. $8/FAC memb $6/student $5. Info: FAC, 781/662-7475.

**NEW ENGLAND CONTRAS & SQUARES** – Concord Scout House, 74 Walden St., Concord MA, 7:30-10:30. *NO DANCE July 2.* Various local & touring performers; live music. $8 ($5---22 and under). Info: 781/272-0396, 508/229-2854.


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| FRI | * **BULGARIAN/BALKAN DANCING** – Green St. Dance Studios, 185 Green St., Cambridge (Central Sq), 7:30-9 pm. $15, or $50/4 classes. Info: 617/840-2362. |
| 1-2 Fri/Sat /mo | **"TUESDAY NIGHT REVIVAL" (experienced Balkan) DANCE** – Church of Our Saviour, 21 Marathon St., Arlington, 8-11 pm. *July 11 & 25, Aug. 22—all Saturdays.* $4. Info: 781/648-6887. |
| SAT | * **SQUARES, CONTRAS & COUPLE DANCES at the SCOUT HOUSE** – 74 Walden St., Concord, 8-11 pm. *NO DANCE July 4.* Various callers and bands. $8. Info: 617/547-7781. |
| *usually* 4th Sat | **FAC INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE PARTY** – Payson Park Church, 365 Belmont St., Belmont, 8–11 pm. *July 18 (3rd Sat): CFO, preceded by Pinewds Review, see "Special Events"; Aug. 29 (5th Sat) "Got Goat".* All requests, no teaching, live music. Refreshment donations appreciated. $10/FAC memb. $8/other discounts. Info: Folk Arts Center, 781/662-7475. |

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| SUNDAY | * **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING** – MIT Student Ctr., 84 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 2nd Floor (Sala/Lobdell) *except Aug. 23 & 30: location TBA.* Instruction & requests 8-9; requests 9-11. $1 donation requested. MIT Folk Dance Club: 617/253-FOLK.<br>**FORGAS HUNGARIAN DANCERS** – Church of Our Saviour, 21 Marathon St., Arlington, 6:30-8:30. *NO DANCE 7/5, 19, or 26; all others: review of previously taught dances.* $10. Info: 857/919-1926. |

## AVOID UNNECESSARY CONFLICT!

The Conflict Calendar, maintained by the Folk Arts Center, now lists both Regular events (including cancellations & one-time changes) and Special events, up to a year ahead.

***Be sure your information is listed!***
***Check it before scheduling a major event!***

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Join in the fun of doing traditional social dances from all over the world, outdoors on the plaza in front of Trinity Church, near Boylston and Clarendon Streets. Most of the dances done in an evening are taught first; other dances can be followed by watching the leading dancers.

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## LIVE MUSIC on June 9 & 30, July 7, and August 4 & 18:

**June 9... International dancing with music by the Cambridge Folk Orchestra**
**June 30... N. E. contras and squares with caller Dan Pearl and guest musicians**
**July 7... International dancing with music by Shining Moon**
**August 4... Balkan dancing with music by Zdravets**
**August 18... International dancing with your favorite recordings and Balkan dancing with music by Rakiya**

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Coming by public transportation? Take any Green Line trolley to Copley Station.

Call 781-662-7476 after 5 pm on Tuesdays or check the facone.org home page for up-to-date information on cancellation due to weather conditions.

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